BELVOIR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year 1922.

F. J. H. MARTIN, D.P.H.

Medical Officer.

Bottesford,

March, 1923.

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Medical Officer of Health.

BOTTESFORD, Notts.
March, 1923.

Mr. Chairman, My Lord Duke, and Gentlemen,

I herewith beg to present to you my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health for the Belvoir Rural District for the year 1922. The outline of the Report is similar in character to that for the year 1921.

In the year 1922, your District was affected by only one epidemic; Muston was affected by a mild but extensive outbreak of measles in the Autumn.

1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres) - - -	17,352.
Population 1922. (estimated) -	3,248.
Number of Inhabited Houses.(1922).	872.
Number of families or separate occupiers.(1922) - -	871.
Rateable Value:	
Land -	£14,648
Buildings -	£19,423.
Sum represented by a penny rate	£111.

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2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

		Total.	Males.	Females.
Births	Legitimate -	50	30	20
	Illegitimate -	4	3	1
Deaths	- - -	44	22	22

Number of women dying in or in consequence of childbirth) From Sepsis - 0
) From Other Causes 0

Deaths on Infants under one year of age per 1,000 births) 37.0

Deaths of Infants under One Year:

	M.	F.
Legitimate -	1	1
Illegitimate -	0	0

Deaths from Measles (all ages) 1

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) 0

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) 0.

Compared with 1921, there were 19 fewer births in 1922, the birth rate was 16.6 per 1,000, that for England and Wales being 20.6 per 1,000 of the population.

There were 44 Deaths recorded in 1922, compared with 53 in 1921. The Death Rate was 13.5 per 1,000, and the rate per 1,000 of population for England and Wales was 12.0.

The Infantile Mortality figure is again very satisfactory, being 37 per 1,000, as compared with 77 per 1,000 births for England and Wales.

3. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	7	7	2
Enteric Fever (including para-typhoid)	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	2
Other diseases generally notifiable	0	0	0
Other diseases notifiable locally: Chicken pox	1	0	0
Tuberculosis:			
(a) Pulmonary (M. 0, F. 4, Total 4)	4	0	3
(b) Non-Pulmonary (M. 2, F. 0, Total 2)	2	0	1

With regard to the Deaths from pneumonia, one was a transferred death and the other was a case of bronch-pneumonia following influenza, which was not notified.

Opthalmia Neonatorum:	Cases Notified.	Treated. At Home.	Treated. In Hospital.	Vision unimpaired.	Vision impaired.	Total Blindness.	Deaths.
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED IN AGE GROUPS.

Diseases.	Under One Year.	1 to 2.	2 to 3.	3 to 4.	4 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 35.	35 to 45.	45 and over.	Total
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	2	-	-	7
Chicken Pox.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	4
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2

DISTRIBUTION OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES IN THE DISTRICT.

Bottesford: Scarlet Fever, 1, Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 1, Non Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 2.

Croxton Kerrial: Scarlet Fever, 5.

Plungar: Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 1.

Knipton: Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 1.

Redmile: Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 1, Scarlet Fever, 1, Chicken Pox, 1.

SCHEDULE OF PATIENTS TREATED IN ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

Authority.	In Hospital, 1 Jan, 1922.	Admitted during year 1922.			Total.	Died.	Discharged cured.	Remaining in Hospital Dec. 31-22.
Belvoir Rural.		D.S.F.	C.S.F.	E.L.				
Bottesford.	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Redmile	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Croxton Kerrial	0	5	0	0	5	1	1	3

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4. CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

Muston was visited in the Autumn by an extensive, though mild outbreak of Measles, most of the houses in the village being affected. The School was closed for four weeks from October 23rd.

5. SUMMARY OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS, OR OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

The Belvoir Nursing Association operates in this District. The Nurses attend Maternity Cases, and also cases of general illness, but not Infectious Cases. The Association does not receive any financial assistance

from any Authority. There are no Midwives in the District. Every effort is made to remove the cases of infectious disease to the Isolation Hospital.

Hospitals are provided for:-

1. Tuberculosis at Mowslay and Snarestone, with a Dispensary at Melton.

2. A Convalescent Home for Children at Charnwood Forest.

3. Isolation Hospital at Melton Mowbray.

4. General Hospital. Those chiefly used are at Grantham and Nottingham.

Infectious Cases are always removed by Ambulance.

6. LABORATORY WORK.

The Laboratory for the District is the County Laboratory at Leicester. During the year 1922 the following specimens were sent for examination from the Belvoir Rural District:-

Sputum for Tubercle Bacilli	-	3
Throat Swabs for Diphtheria	-	6.

Medical practitioners are able to procure supplies of Diphtheria Anti-toxin at the expense of the District Council.

List of Adoptive Acts, Bye-Laws and Local Regulations relating to the Public Health in force in the District, with date of adoption:-

Part III. Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 for Rural District Councils, operative 2nd June, 1914.

Bye-Laws thereunder.

New Streets and Buildings, March 10th., 1915.

7. SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Total Number of Complaints received during the year	-	7.
Do. Do. Inspections made for all purposes	-	288.
Do. Do. Notices Served : Informal 8, Statutory Nil	-	8.
Do. Do. Summonses Issued - -	-	Nil.
Do. Do. Convictions Obtained -	-	Nil.

Overcrowding: No. of houses inspected	-	-	1.
Nuisances Abated -	-	-	1.
Offensive Accumulations: No. Inspected	-	-	2.
Nuisances Abated	-	-	2.

Closet Accomodation:

Total Number in District:

(1) Privies	-	- 60.
(2) Pail Closets	-	- 800.
(3) Water Closets	-	- 40.

Drainage and Sewerage:

Drains, drain traps, etc.-No. Inspected	-	- 142.
Nuisances Abated	-	- 17.

Scavenging:

How is refuse disposed of ? Ash-pits and Refuse heaps.

Infectious Diseases:

Number of Houses Inspected - - -		7.
Number of Inspections made - - -		10.
Number Disinfected:		
(a) Houses - -		7.
(b) Schoolrooms	1	1.

Regulated Buildings, Trades, Etc.

Common Lodging Houses)
Canal Boats.)
Offensive Trades) Nil.
Other)

Slaughter Houses:

Number in District - - - -	6.
General Condition of Slaughter Houses - -	Fair.
No.of Inspections of Premises - - -	10.

Milk Supply (Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order 1885-1889.)

Have Regulations been adopted ? - -	Yes.
Has Veterinary Inspector been appointed ? -	No.
Dairymen-No. of milk-sellers (registered) -	68.
No. of Inspections made - - -	87.

Factory and Workshops Act, 1901.

Workshops:-No. on register (including bakehouses) -	31.
Bakehouses:-No. on register - - -	5.

Special Investigations, etc.

Nil.

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8. PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

The Public Health Officers of the Council are the Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary Inspector, both being part-time Officials. Half the Salaries of the two above-mentioned Officials is provided by Exchequer Grant.

The Medical Officer holds the Diploma in Public Health, (Oxford), and the Sanitary Inspector the Sanitary Qualification granted by the University of Nottingham.

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9. HOUSING CONDITIONS.

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) Total - - 1.
(b) As part of a municipal housing scheme Nil.

1. UNFIT DWELLING-HOUSES.

Inspection--(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects(under the Public or Housing Acts) 18.
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 - - - 18.
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation - - - Nil.
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation - - - - Nil.

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers - - - Nil.

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

A.-Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act., 1919.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs - - Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit:-

(a) by owners - - Nil.
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners Nil.

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close Nil.

B.-Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied - - - Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied-

(a) by owners - Nil.
(b) by Local Authority in default of owenrs - Nil

C.-Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders - - Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made - - Nil.

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit. Nil.

(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made - - Nil.

(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders- - Nil.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient servant,

F. J. H. MARTIN,

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